**Week 15– Baby Jesus** -Luke 2: 10-12 (NIV) **"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."**

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We know that Mary and Joseph were prepared to be Jesus' parents. They were still living in Nazareth. But just before Mary was ready to have her baby, there was a new law. Everyone must travel to their home city to be counted and taxed.

So Joseph and Mary had to leave Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem, because Joseph was a descendent of King David and David's family home city was Bethlehem.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, The town was just FULL of people! There was no place for Mary and Joseph to stay. Finally, an innkeeper let them sleep in the animals' barn.

That night, Mary had her baby. So Jesus was born in Bethlehem and his first bed was a manger of hay.

When Jesus was born, God sent an angel to announce it to shepherds in the fields nearby. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Then more angels appeared and sang,
 "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

The shepherds were amazed. They left their fields and went to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus.  They told everyone they saw about the special baby and about the wonderful thing that God had done.

God has sent his very own Son to be born on earth and to live with us. Jesus' birth brings the message of God's love at Christmas and always.

## Where Was Jesus Born?

Cut out the squares and put together a picture of where Jesus was born.